

REMARKS

Reconsideration and further examination of the present application is respectfully requested. At the time the Office Action was mailed claims 1-43 were pending. By way of the present response the Applicant has: 1) amended claims 17 and 39-41; 2) added no new claims, and 3) canceled claim 42. As such, claims 1-18, 21-41, and 43-44 are now pending. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowance of claims 1-16, 21-38, and 40. The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application and the allowance of all claims.

Examiner Interview

Applicant thanks the Examiner for graciously allowing an Examiner's interview on May 4, 2005 with respect to clarifying the rejections of the Office Action. During the interview the Examiner indicated allowance of claims 17 and 41 if the limitation of claim 42 was added to these claims. Applicant has so amended claims 17 and 41. While the Examiner and Applicant did not discuss specifically claim 39, Applicant has also amended claim 39 to include the limitation of claim 42 and believes it is also allowable.

35 USC § 102

Claims 17-18, 39, 41, and 43 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Atkinson et al., US Patent No. 6,381,239 (hereinafter "Atkinson"). As discussed above, Applicant has amended claims 17, 39 and 41 to include the limitation of claim 42. The remaining dependent claims are allowable for at least the reason that they depend on independent claims 17, 39 and 41.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance.

*Invitation for a telephone interview*

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at 408-720-8300 if there remains any issue with allowance of this case.

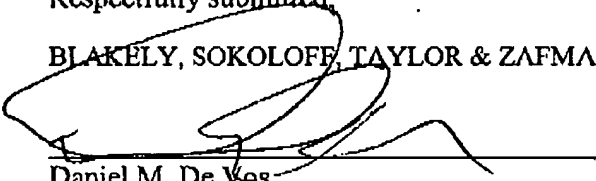
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Respectfully submitted,

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